

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Ralf Mauritz et al.

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For: Quality control method for manufacturing biopolymer arrays

Art Unit: 1639

Examiner: Christopher M. Gross

**AMENDMENT UNDER 1.114**

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March 8, 2012

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 10, 2011. A three-month statutory period for response expired on February 10, 2012. Accordingly a Petition and fee for extension of the due date to March 10, 2012 is included herewith.

A Current Listing of the Claims reflecting the present amendment is set forth beginning on page 2. Remarks in support of patentability are set forth beginning on page 5.